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To: Selectmen
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Re: Attendance at the annual open town meeting
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We went back as far as we could to capture the attendance numbers at the annual open town meetings. Prior to 1992, the town clerks did not capture the numbers attending or voting numbers on the school articles in the minutes, so it was impossible to ascertain how many people attended the open town meeting. But, we do have 19 years of records, and it would seem that the 1st Wednesday in March is the optimal attendance time of those dates that have been chosen. The raw figures are as follows:

Attendance for Open Town Meeting 1992-2010

Day	Date	Attendance
Saturday	9-May-92	90
Saturday	8-May-93	118
Saturday	7-May-94	58
Saturday	6-May-95	91
Saturday	9-Mar-96	105
Saturday	19-Apr-97	104
Saturday	18-Apr-98	79
Saturday	17-Apr-99	57
Wednesday	8-Mar-00	164
Wednesday	7-Mar-01	160
Wednesday	6-Mar-02	80
Wednesday	5-Mar-03	118
Wednesday	3-Mar-04	163
Wednesday	9-Mar-05	150
Wednesday	8-Mar-06	148
Wednesday	7-Mar-07	177
Wednesday	2-Apr-08	91
Wednesday	8-Apr-09	98
Wednesday	7-Apr-10	111

By Day of the Week:

Saturday		Wednesday	
1992	90	2000	164
1993	118	2001	160
1994	58	2002	80
1995	91	2003	118
1996	105	2004	163
1997	104	2005	150
1998	79	2006	148
1999	57	2007	177
Avg		2008	91
		2009	98
		2010	111

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By Town Meeting Month

March		April		May	
1996	105	1997	104	1992	90
2000	164	1998	79	1993	118
2001	160	1999	57	1994	58
2002	80	2008	91	1995	91
2003	118	2009	98		
2004	163	2010	111		
2005	150				
2006	148				
2007	177				

Avg 141 Avg 90 Avg 89

Based on the above numbers, it would seem that based on past history, Wednesdays in March seem to attract the most attendees at open town meeting.

If we were to choose the 1st Tuesday & Wednesday (following the first Monday) in March this year, it would be March 8th & 9th. Nomination papers would have to be available on December 13th, and due back by January 22, 2011.

If we were to choose the 1st Tuesday & Wednesday (following the first Monday) in April, it would be April 5th & 6th. Nomination papers would have to be available on January 10th and back by February 19th.